

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Senate Bill 1575 without my signature.

I clearly recognize the injustice of the unconstitutional federal deportation of American citizens and legal residents to Mexico in the 1930s. For that reason, I signed into law SB 670 (Dunn, Chapter 663, Statutes of 2005) which expressed the apology of the State of California to the victims for the fundamental violations of their basic civil liberties and constitutional rights during the period of illegal deportation. That bill also required a plaque be placed in a designated public location in Los Angeles to commemorate the victims of the repatriation program.

However, I have consistently vetoed legislation that attempts to incorporate specific historical events or groups of people into social science instruction. The State Board of Education adopted content standards were developed by a diverse group of experts and are necessarily broad to allow coverage of various events and developments. I continue to believe that the State should refrain from being overly prescriptive in school curriculum beyond establishing rigorous academic standards and frameworks.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger